Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 01 May 2024 until 23:59 on Thursday 02 May 2024

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 30 Apr 2024 at 10:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry weather next few days. Lower confidence for day to day cloud details.

Headline for Wednesday 01 May 2024: Mostly dry. Some sunshine, best in west.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 01 May 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	<05%	<05%	10%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 01 May 2024

Weather: Mostly dry with clear or sunny spells. Best of the sunshine will be over western ranges such as Creag Meagaidh and down around Ben Alder. Thicker cloud in afternoon in east of area will give a few light showers.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chances in west of area.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility but poor in occasional cloud above about 700 to 800m. Some patches lower down the hills in the east.

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Forecast for Wednesday 01 May 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	41/52 SE	33/42 SE	32/40 SE	27/34 SE	22/29 SE	23/31 SE	22/30 E	28/35 E	28/34 E
900	33/40 SE	23/28 SE	25/30 SE	18/24 SE	17/23 E	20/26 SE	17/21 E	18/23 E	16/21 NE
600	14/20 SE	9/14 SE	8/12 SE	8/12 SE	10/16 SE	12/18 SE	9/13 NE	8/12 NE	8/12 NE
300	4/8 NE	4/8 SE	3/8 E	4/9 E	7/16 E	7/15 SE	5/11 NE	5/12 NE	6/15 NE
Glen	2/9 E	2/6 NE	2/7 NE	4/11 E	5/13 E	5/12 NE	4/12 NE	3/9 NE	3/10 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	4/-3	4/-1	5/-0	5/0	5/-1	5/-1
900	7/1	6/1	6/2	8/4	8/4	9/5	9/6	8/5	7/3
600	8/5	7/5	8/6	10/8	11/9	11/9	11/9	9/8	7/5
300	8/7	7/6	8/7	12/12	13/12	14/13	13/12	10/9	8/7
Glen	8/7	6/6	8/7	13/12	15/14	14/14	13/13	10/10	8/7
Freezing Level*	1700m	1700m	1700m	1800m	2100m	2300m	2500m	2400m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling cold over higher ridges/summits in fresh east wind. Warmer on lower slopes in sunshine, especially west of area, but higher UV levels will result in sunburn risk.

Forecast for Thursday 02 May 2024

Weather: Mainly dry with a rather cloudy start and the odd spot of drizzle as well as mist patches at lower levels. Clouds will thin and break up during the morning to leave some afternoon and early evening sunshine.

Maximum wind: Strong east winds, especially over higher ridges and summits, average speeds of 25 to 30mph and gusts 45mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, improving 70% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Patches of poor visibility in mist and low cloud at first, otherwise mostly good visibility. Clouds extensive around 600 to 700m at first with patches lower down in east of area. Clouds then lifting and breaking up by afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** 9 Celsius rising to 17 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 11 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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